

Santa Rosa County
Emergency Services Advisory Committee
June 27, 2007
1:00 p.m.
MINUTES

Members present:

James Chalmers
Joe Diamond
Ryan Jenkins
Werner Panchenko

Members absent:

Stephen Cozart
Don Vanderryt

Staff present:

Brad Baker
Deb Grinde

Agenda approved as submitted for this meeting.

Minutes for meeting held on May 16, 2007 approved as drafted with no exceptions.

Persons to Appear

None

Reports and Statistics

Reports reviewed for the month of May. It was that the statistics for "No Response" category continues to maintain an extremely good average.

Correspondence

Letter to the BOCC regarding the Fire Services Plan

R. Jenkins stated that the Fire Services Plan is a great step in the right direction for Santa Rosa County.

R. Collins, Pace, FL

Mr. Collins requested that the letter directed to the Board of Commissioners regarding the support of the Fire Services Plan be modified to reflect a change to the language in one sentence referring to budget committee meetings. Mr. Collins would like the word "likely" to be stricken from that sentence.

This committee acknowledged that it was a valid request. However, Mr. Collins was advised that the letter was already sent to the BOCC.

Old Business

Fire Services Plan

B. Baker advised this committee that the public hearings regarding the changes to the MSBUs will be held on August 30, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

Ambulance Service Contract Update

The Board of County Commissioners reviewed the contract at Committee Meeting on Monday, June 25, 2007 and a vote to accept the contract will be held on Thursday, June 28, 2007.

The changeover/transition is scheduled for August 1, 2007

New Business

Fire District Websites

This committee determined that the websites should be standardized and user friendly. B. Baker stated that a link to the fire district websites could be established on the Emergency Management web page. This would hold true for anything that is fire-related. The Executive Group is receptive to these ideas and they will also make recommendations. It will be a continual work in progress.

R. Collins, Pace, FL

Mr. Collins stated that it would be advantageous to complete this task as quickly as possible. He believes that if the information is provided to the public through the websites there would be less opposition to major purchases. The sites should only be about what is the fire department; do not include fire hydrants as they are not responsible for them. The county has a website for the public to view information about fire hydrants. The site should indicate what is needed for that particular the fire department.

J. Diamond stated that a link to the hydrants would help those citizens who automatically look for the hydrants under the fire departments.

B. Baker will also include the Fire Services Plan on the web site. They have started to develop Standard Operating Procedures which will also be included on the website. These policies will be for each of the departments to utilize and will be standard throughout.

W. Panchenko asked B. Baker whether the public has displayed any interest in having a civilian on the Executive Board. B. Baker stated that a couple suggestions have been made; he stated that the ESAC was approached and S. Cozart declined because of time restrictions.

B. Baker said there has not been an ending date established.

R. Collins, Pace, FL

Mr. Collins suggested that we inform everyone of the availability R. Jenkins questioned the starting date for a new medical director. B. Baker stated that the closing date for the RFQ is July 17, 2007. Selection will be made some time after that date. It was sent to three doctors who requested to be included, through the normal news releases, hospital emergency room departments and hospital human resource departments throughout Santa Rosa, Escambia counties.

Public Forum

None

No further discussion and meeting adjourned at 1:40 PM

Next meeting date and time will be: Wednesday, July 18, at 2:00 PM